



## RABBI YOSIL ROSENZWEIG

April 23, 1947 - June 21, 2023

CHAPEL SERVICE: THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M. AT  
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig, 76, of Oak Park Michigan, peacefully passed away in West Bloomfield, Michigan on June 21, 2023. He was predeceased by his wife Kathy Rosenzweig, and is survived by his children and grandchildren Yudi, Kelli, Jackson, and Eli Rosenzweig (Detroit); Miryam Rosenzweig and Matthew Burchi (Milwaukee); Benji, Sarah, Na'amah and Ellah Rosenzweig (Detroit); Devorah, Yair, and Libby Klartag (Israel); Layah Rosenzweig (Israel).

Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig touched the lives of countless individuals through his teachings, music, and rabbinical care. Even his birth was a symbol of hope when he was born to recent Holocaust survivors Helen (Chaichu) and Jacob Rosenzweig on April 23, 1947, in a Displaced Person's camp near Innsbrook, Austria.

Yosil was a gifted composer of Jewish music. His song "Hu Yiftach Libenu" won the 1978 Hasidic Festival and Pitchu Li, Tadik Katamar Yifrach, and others profoundly influenced Jewish music since the 1970s. Many of his songs were made popular by the Diaspora Yeshiva Band.

Many knew Rabbi Yosil as a dedicated teacher, imparting his wisdom through

formal programs best known as a founding teacher of L'ivnot U'Ihibanot. Others remember him as a compassionate congregational rabbi, serving communities from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Windsor, Ontario, Newport News, VA to Schenectady, NY.

Beyond his role as a teacher and rabbi, so many knew him as Kathy's beloved husband, sharing a deep bond and a life filled with love and partnership in education, music, and creating a home that was open to hundreds around the world.

In honor of Rabbi Yosil's memory, contributions can be made to the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit or the Friendship Circle of Michigan. In his final years, our father found support through the various programs offered by the Jewish Federation and Jewish Senior Life, enabling him to age with dignity and grace and continue as an educator and teaching classes at the Prentis Apartments. Our family continues to be supported by the people, programs, and community of the Friendship Circle of Michigan.

**INTERMENT:**

Hebrew Memorial Park

**OFFICIATING:**

Rabbi Alon Tolwin

**SHIVA:**

Following the interment, Shiva will follow at the residence of:

Yudi and Kelli Rosenzweig until 9 P.M. at:

7222 Fairhill Road

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

followed with

Friday 12:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

On Monday and Tuesday, Shiva will be held at:

Chabad of Greater Downtown Detroit

278 Mack, Detroit, MI 48201

Monday 12:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

On Tuesday, Shiva will also take place at the residence of:

Miryam Rosenzweig

2807 E. Edgewood Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53211

between the hours of 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

RABBI YOSIL ROSENZWEIG

you may do so by making a contribution to:

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit

6735 Telegraph Rd #30,

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 or

<https://jewishdetroit.org/>

Friendship Circle of Michigan

6892 W Maple Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322 or

[www.friendshipcircle.org](http://www.friendshipcircle.org)

Jewish Senior Life

6710 W Maple Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322 or  
[www.jslmi.org](http://www.jslmi.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

## Shiva

JUN **22** to **25** (ET)

Yudi and Kelli Rosenzweig  
722 Fairhill Road  
Bloomfield, MI 48301

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## Shiva

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**JUN 26 to 27 (ET)**

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Detroit, MI 48201

*Monday 12:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Tuesday 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.*

## Shiva

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2807 E. Edgewood Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of RABBI YOSIL ROSENZWEIG



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - June 22, 2023 at 08:26 AM

CR

*We had hoped to participate on live stream...  
When will that be available*

Carol Rose - June 22, 2023 at 12:20 PM

CR

*on ... & with you*

Carol Rose - June 22, 2023 at 12:40 PM

MY

*My sincere condolences to the family .  
Myra Mechanic*

Myra - June 23, 2023 at 12:01 AM

RB

*נצטערתי צער עמוק בפטירת ידיד נעורים ר' יוסל  
זכרונות ימי הר ציון וגבעת מרדכי שוטפים את לבי בגעגועים  
אהבתי את קטי ויוסל וכל מה שהם יצגו, אהבה עמוקה  
וזכרה לא ימוש ממני  
המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבל ציון וירושלים  
ובזיכרון אישיותם הקורנת תנוחמו  
מנדל בלכמן  
כרם ביבנה*

Rabbi M M Blachman - June 23, 2023 at 04:41 AM

BL

*A very loving and talented man. יהא זכרו ברוך*

**Boruch Lazewnik** - June 25, 2023 at 10:53 PM

GK

*It was truly a blessing to have shared time with Rabbi Rosenzweig as a student and a friend.*

*My condolence to his family.*

*Gary Katz Windsor*

**Gary Allen Katz** - June 26, 2023 at 10:35 AM

RR

*“ We met at a Jewish conference and decided to pose as sister and brother, since my last name is also Rosenzweig. Did a workshop together and visited in Windsor with my son. Nice memories*

**Rosie Rosenzweig** - March 18, 2024 at 12:28 PM

ZH

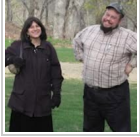
*“ I knew Reb Yosil for almost 40 years, there is simply not enough room here to honor him. There is one quote of his that sums up his wisdom, vast Judaic knowledge, kindness and sense of humor...*

*"Don't judge Judaism by Jews"*

*I can't tell you how any times in my life I've had to take a deep breath and repeat those words under my breath lol*

*Z*

**Zaq Harrison** - January 14, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ I don't know if any of you guys will remember me (Jana Wolock from Huntington Woods) but I had the pleasure to interact with your parents on a few different occasions.

*When I started becoming frum through NCSY I wanted to have an adventure by spending Shabbos in Windsor!*

*That shabbos was your father's last shabbos as rabbi of the shul. Your mother wanted to protect your father's feelings and told me that I cannot come for shabbos as it would be too emotionally difficult for your father after all he is going through. Then a few minutes later she called me back telling me that they would love to have me for shabbos. She explained that when she told your father that she cancelled on me, he asked her why. She said that she was worried about his emotions and feelings. He said that of course he still wanted guests and that it would be a pleasure to have me! They cared about each other so much, it was beautiful.*

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**Yochana Fried** - June 26, 2023 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ I have wonderful memories of Yosil having grown up with him in Windsor, Ontario but none more meaningful than when he conducted the funerals of my parents eighteen days apart. His compassion meant more than I can ever express and I will remember him fondly and forever.

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**Maxine Feldman** - June 25, 2023 at 08:24 AM

RA

“ I'm sorry to hear about his passing. My condolences to the family.

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**Rachel** - June 22, 2023 at 12:21 PM

AC

“ To the Rosenzweig family, my deepest condolences on the loss of your esteemed and dynamic father, Rabbi Yosil.  
When I lived next door to the Rosenzweig family as a young girl, I was welcomed and embraced. I was lovingly taught about all manner of Jewish life and ritual by Kathy, of blessed memory and by R'Yosil, z'l.  
Coming from a less observant home, I enjoyed the challah and Chanukah, not to mention the colour and music that emanated from every corner.  
I felt at home and part of the family. I felt loved and cherished.  
My fondest memory as a child of R'Yosil was the havdalah service he sang for us all. The flames that burned from some highly alcoholic drink, the scent of the besamin, and his beautiful voice. It was an experience!  
I became orthodox as a teenager and have raised my family as a religious family in Winnipeg. The Rosenzweig family had a deep impression on me as a child. I'll always remember and cherish your blessed parents. May they both be uplifted with an Aliyah. May all of their children and grandchildren be comforted at this time of deep loss. Baruch Dayan Emet.

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**Aviva Jaye Cohen** - June 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM

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“ Even though I have seen him over the years and enjoyed the jokes he sent me through messenger  
my favorite memory is when he grew up across the street from me in Windsor on the porch playing his guitar! He also officiated my dad's funeral and after shiva was over one of my sons and I went to a Shabbat service at the Shaar and were warmly welcomed! Gone way too soon!

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**Nancy Bortnick (Katzman)** - June 22, 2023 at 11:42 AM

YS

*A good man who loved music and put his neshama ( soul) and heart into his music and it reached people's hearts!*

**Yehudit Speto** - June 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM

GM

“ *I treasured the time Rabbi and I studied the Tanya together and all the wonderful classes he taught unselfishly. He was a joy to know and will be missed Gail Mash*

**Gail Mash** - June 22, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sweet memories from growing up in Windsor. We always had something to talk about. Rabbi Miriam Muroff Jerris*

**Miriam Jerris** - June 22, 2023 at 09:09 AM

BG

“ *Rabbi would sit under the light sometimes in the evening behind my apartment and read. I am on the 11th floor of the PRENTICE Building and I always felt better when I would see him there. He was loved and will be greatly missed. Barrie G.Chaffkin*

**Barrie G.Chaffkin** - June 22, 2023 at 08:58 AM

YB

“ *Baruch Dayan HaEmes! I am so saddened by Reb Yosil's passing... I can hardly find the words. His music moved us, his stories inspired us, and his love for life and for those who lived it obligated all who knew him to live a life worth living - to make a difference in the world with the gifts that we were given. He will never be forgotten. Tehei nishmaso tizrura b'tzror hachaim*

**Yaakov Brown** - June 22, 2023 at 08:27 AM

SG

“ My condolences 🙏 to the family and friends of Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig. I've always enjoyed being in his company and will miss him a great deal. He was a great story teller, as well as an amazing friend to me and I will miss him alot. Scott from Windsor, Ontario.

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**Scott Goldstien** - June 22, 2023 at 07:13 AM

MS

“ So So sad :( I have so many nice memories of Reb Yosil

*As a kid I spent shabbos in Windsor with the Mishpacha a few times. I loved hearing him play his 12 string guitar. He always had a smile and a good Yiddish joke. Our family went to the Rosenzweigs for July 4th to watch the fireworks from "the other side" where it was less vilt. It was at a 4th of July at the Rosenzweigs where I first learned of Grbiness. (I just looked, but didn't touch it).*

*I have a memory of him playing at a simchas beis hashoeva at Rabbi Wolmark's house. He had a cute shtick he threw in Carlbach's "Ki Metzion"*

*---Ki Mitzion teiztei Torah, Udvar Hashem MiLithuania!!! perfect for Beis Kneses Hagra.*

*He will be missed but never forgotten.*

*dava libi mamash*

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**Moshe Sherizen** - June 21, 2023 at 08:52 PM

YR

“ I remember him while I was working in the kitchen at Prentis apartments, he'll be truly missed.

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**Yaakov Rosenberg** - June 21, 2023 at 06:36 PM



*sad nice sweet guy*

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**jason Bronstein** - June 21, 2023 at 06:53 PM